

REMARKS

1. Election/Restrictions

5 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.121:

Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to device, classified in class 257, subclass 630+.

Group II: Claims 7-14, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 454.

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2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

15 Inventions I and II are related as product and process making. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP §806.05(f)). In the instant case unpatentability of the group I invention would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the group II invention, since the device of the group I invention could be made by the processes materially different from those of the group II invention.

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3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is

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proper.

Response:

5 4. Applicants accept the Examiner's opinion and amend
the claims in the above AMENDMENT portion according
to 37 CFR 1.143. The apparatus claims of claims 1-6
are elected as the subject matter to be examined in
the present application. The method claims of claims
7-14 are non-elected and therefore canceled.
10 Reconsideration over claims 1-6 is hereby requested.

2. Inventorship

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation
of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship
15 must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if
one or more of the currently named inventors is no
longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining
in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must
be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and
20 by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Response:

Inventors of the elected invention are not changed.

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Sincerely yours,

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